



# Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember (14M)

Closed to Women

A Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember is a member of the Army's field artillery team. Artillery are weapons that fire large ammunition or missiles to support infantry and tank units in combat. The Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember primarily supervises or serves as a member of a portable Air Defense system missile unit.

Here are some of the duties of a Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember:

- Establish and maintain radio and wire communications
- Apply infrared techniques to detect and engage targets
- Identify 'friend or foe' forces
- Resupply ammunition
- Prepare man portable air defense system for firing
- Fire man portable air defense system

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmembers must have the physical stamina to perform strenuous activities for long periods without rest. They're also required to have normal color vision.

## **TRAINING**

Job training for a Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember consists of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and seven weeks of Advanced Individual Training. Part of this time is spent in a classroom and part in the field under simulated combat. Some of the skills you'll learn are:

- Methods of computing target locations
- Ammunition-handling techniques
- Gun, missile and rocket system operations
- Artillery tactics

### **HELPFUL SKILLS**

Helpful attributes include:

- Ability to think and remain calm under stress
- Interest in mathematics
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Interest in cannon and rocket operations
- Ability to perform multiple duties at one time

### **ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES**

Advanced level Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmembers supervise and train other Soldiers. As an advanced level Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember, you may be involved in:

- Collecting and consolidating intelligence information
- Processing special and periodic reports
- Preparing and maintaining team situation maps
- Transmitting intelligence and grid locations of incoming targets
- Designating fighting positions
- Transmitting alert status and readiness changes

### **RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS**

The skills you will learn as a Man Portable Air Defense System Crewmember, such as teamwork, discipline, leadership and a strong background in surveillance techniques, will help you in any civilian career you choose.

### **RELATED ARMY POSITIONS**

- [Air Defense Tactical Operations Center Operator/Maintainer \(14J\)](#)
- [AVENGER Crewmember \(14S\)](#)
- [Bradley Linebacker Crewmember \(14R\)](#)
- [PATRIOT Fire Control Enhanced Operator/Maintainer \(14E\)](#)
- [PATRIOT Launching Station Enhanced Operator/Maintainer \(14T\)](#)

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